

The parties should be prepared to address and resolve at the Case Management Conference the following: setting the date and the estimated length of the trial; setting the date for discovery cutoff; setting the date to designate experts and other witnesses; and setting the date for the pretrial conference.

Other agenda matters which the Court will address at the Case Management Conference include the following:

1. Does the Court have subject matter jurisdiction over all of the plaintiff's claim(s) and defendant's counter-claim(s)? What is the basis of that jurisdiction? Are all the parties subject to the Court's jurisdiction? Do any parties remain to be served?

2. What are the factual and legal basis for plaintiff's claim(s) and defendant's defense(s)? Defendant's counter-claim(s) and plaintiff's defense(s) to the counterclaim(s)?

3. What are the factual and legal issues genuinely in dispute?

4. What are the issues that can be narrowed by agreement or by motions? Are there dispositive or partially dispositive issues appropriate for decision on motion?

5. What are the motions anticipated by the parties?

6. What relief does plaintiff seek? What is the amount of damage(s) sought by plaintiff's claim(s)? What is the amount of damage(s) sought by defendant's counterclaim(s)? How are the damages computed?

7. What discovery does each party intend to pursue? Can discovery be limited in any manner? Are there any alternative methods available to obtain the necessary information? Should a discovery order and conference be entered pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P 26(f)?

8. Is this case suitable for reference to a binding arbitration, to a Special Master, or to a Magistrate Judge for trial? Is the case suitable for reference to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation?

9. Will this case be tried by a jury? What is the anticipated length of trial? Is it possible to reduce the length of trial by stipulation, use of summaries or statements, or other expedited means of presenting evidence? Is it feasible and desirable to bifurcate issues for trial?

10. Are there related cases pending before other Judges of this Court? See Civil L.R. 3-12.

11. If a class action, how and when will the class(es) be certified?

12. What are the earliest reasonable dates for discovery cutoff, pretrial conference and trial?

13. What are the prospects for settlement? Does any party wish to have a settlement conference with another Judge or Magistrate Judge? How can settlement efforts be assisted? See A.D.R. L.R. 7.

14. Such other matters as any party considers conducive to the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of this action.

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CIVIL LAW AND MOTION MATTERS WILL BE HEARD ON FRIDAYS AT 9:00 A.M. COUNSEL SHALL COMPLY WITH CIVIL L.R. 7 WITH RESPECT TO MOTION PROCEDURES.

Discovery disputes: Counsel seeking the Court's intervention in a discovery dispute shall, after full compliance with Civil L.R. 37-1, file and serve a letter brief, 5 pages or less, explaining the dispute and the relief sought. Opposing counsel shall respond by letter brief, 5 pages or less, within one week. The Court will deem the matter submitted unless the Court determines that the issue requires oral argument, in which case a conference will be arranged. For good cause shown, based on legal or factual complexity, discovery disputes may be brought by formal noticed motion heard on a regular law and motion calendar. However, leave of Court to do so must be sought and obtained by ex-parte application in accordance with Civil L.R. 7-1(a)(3).

Failure to comply with this Order or the Local Rules of this Court may result in sanctions. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(f), Civil L.R. 1-4.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge